

**Meeting Minutes from SCC 2/28/08**  
Augusta Civic Center 8:30 am – 12:00 noon

Voting Members present:

Lani Graham, Chia Murdock [for Alison Webb], Becca Matusovich, Daryl Boucher, Kelly Amoroso, Kala Ladenheim, Debbie Andrews [for Ed Miller/ALA] Lisa Sockabasin, Sandra Parker, Doug Michael, Nancy Rines, Rick Lyons, Dennise Whitley, Emily Rines, Shawn Yardley, Joanne Joy, Tina Pettengill, Becky Whittemore, David Stockford, , Deb Erikson Irons, Robin Mayo, Marla Davis, Megan Hannon, Graham Newson, Dora Anne Mills, Trish Riley

Regrets: Julie Sullivan, Andy Coburn

Interested Parties: Mark Griswold, Chris Lyman, Sharon Leahy-Lind, Jen Gunderman-King, Dawn Littlefield

1. Trish: call to order and introductions
2. Public Health Funding Review
  - a. Trish gave overview of state and federal budget
  - b. Dora gave overview of impact on Maine CDC budget
3. Discussion on concerns about rural coalition funding formula. Some rural coalitions are feeling not enough has been done to adjust coalition funding. Becca and Dora commented that within the current contracts, the funding formula cannot be changed. New funds to assist with balancing the funding formula are insufficient to raise each coalition's funding to \$250,000, the suggested amount.
4. Update on Maine CDC Infrastructure
  - a. Dora gave overview and introduced Mark Griswold, head of Office of Local Public Health (OLPH)
  - b. Mark gave overview of the goals of the OLPH and took comments. Also introduced two District Liaisons – Sharon Leahy-Lind for York; Jennifer Gunderman-King for Midcoast. MaryAnn Amrich for Western Maine unable to attend.
  - c. Concerns raised about the funding for these positions, and Dora explained that these funds are for state infrastructure (FHM Statewide Coordination funds, Bioterrorism funds, Maternal Child Health Block Grant and Preventive Health Block Grant funds), but Maine CDC is simply using them to now fund positions that are being re-deployed to district offices. Becca commented that the work still exists at the state level for the positions that are moved out to districts, but we are now required to do the work of both.
5. Discussion on CCHC Finances
  - a. A request was made for a 60-day review of the funding impact on CCHCs. Others felt it was too early. Some felt the DCCs or SCC could perform this function. Others offered suggestions that ranged from a sharing of resources, to merging CCHCs, to creating a snapshot of

CCHCs, to individual CCHCs and Lead Agencies to negotiate with Maine CDC to discuss scaling the workplan of those CCHCs feeling they do not have sufficient funding.

b. **Action Steps** identified included:

- i. SCC and CCHC-Leadership Council to review the creation of snapshots of CCHCs;
- ii. Individual CCHCs with financial challenges to contact and work with Maine CDC Healthy Maine Partnership Program to discuss scaling the workplan appropriately; and
- iii. District level discussions to help address financial issues, review and implement strategies (such as a sharing of resources, sharing of administrative functions, etc.) – CCHCs with possible resources from Maine CDC.

Vote was taken on these next steps – all “thumbs up” except 2 sideways.

6. Trish reviewed charge of SCC and slate of nominees for SCC Executive Committee (SCC – EC). Additions and deletions of nominees were taken. Vote by secret ballot was taken for the SCC – EC. Highest votes were: Andy Coburn, Joanne Joy, Dora Anne Mills, Deb Erickson Irons, Shawn Yardley, Daryl Boucher, and Dennise Whitley. (Andy Coburn subsequently emailed that he cannot serve).
  - a. **Action Step:** SCC-EC will meet within the next 2-3 weeks, elect co-chairs, and plan for next steps of SCC.
7. Lani Graham raised the issue of Environmental Health – sharing concerns that DEP is trying to move parts of Maine CDC (Drinking Water Program) over to DEP. She asked for a formal vote to support the retention of Environmental Health Programs in Maine CDC, as a core part of state public health infrastructure. Vote was taken: 28 yes; 2 sideways (with comments that they were unsure what they were voting on); none opposed.
8. State Health Plan (SHP) Update: Trish presented the idea in the SHP there is a proposal for the DCCs to review quality and variation of health care data this fall by district, similar to review of district health profiles this fall.
9. Local Health Officer (LHO) Update: Dora reviewed status of LHO rules and statutory updates.

Meeting adjourned.